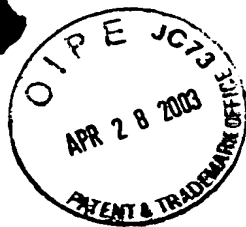


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks that follow.

The Declaration is objected to as being defective. To obviate the objection a Substitute Declaration is attached.

Claims 1-12 and 25-27 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-31, namely Claims 24-25 and 30-31, of copending Application No. 10/053,690. To obviate the provisional rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is attached.


Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 13-24 are allowed.
Office Action at page 4, line 10.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Substitute Declaration
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